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TOPIC Volkspolizei Dienststelle (Engineer Officer School) in Kietz.

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1. Prior to 3 April 1951, the Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD), an engineer officer school in Kietz (M 53/Y 96) was located in the former RAD (Reich Labor Service) installation of low brick barracks buildings. The VPD numbered about 500 police and was organized into a headquarters, 2 companies of recruits, and 2 companies of trained police.
2. Officers of the VPD included: VP Inspekteur Wels, (fnu), school commandant, a graduate from the central school in Moscow, who formerly served with the VP school in Pirna; VP Oberrat Heyne, (fnu), PK officer, a graduate from the central school in Moscow, who was formerly assigned to the HVA; VP Rat Hempel, (fnu), chief PK instructor; VP Oberrat Moehler, (fnu), chief of staff, an ex-officer, who formerly served with the VP school in Pirna; VP Oberrat Rudolph, (fnu), director of training, an ex-officer; and VP Rat Dohle, (fnu), chief of instructor personnel, an ex-captain and battalion commander, who formerly served with the VP school in Pirna.
3. Each company of the VPD had an ordnance room with about 25 infantry weapons. The unit had engineer equipment which included 10 German pontoons, an undetermined number of small pneumatic boats, explosives, AT mines, German hand grenades, 2 power saws, mine detectors, wire cutters, and spades. The VPD was also equipped with 8 ZIS trucks, 3 passenger cars, and 3 motorcycles.
4. The recruits of the VPD were members of the 1932 and 1933 classes and wore epaulets with the letter A on them. Their training did not differ from that of the personnel of the 3d and 4th Cos who had completed an average of one year of police service. Trainees received 12 hours of theoretical engineer training per week, and some practical training in addition. Principal subjects of instruction included construction of bridges with a load capacity of not less than 60 tons; construction of different obstacles; and laying and clearance of mines. Infantry training was conducted in accordance with Soviet manuals and was usually integrated into the engineer training. No joint training with other units or Soviet troops was held. A group of HVA officers headed by VP Kommandeur Bretsch (fnu), occasionally inspected the school.
5. The installation included an engineer training site at a nearby lake.

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A garage for about eight motor vehicles which was under construction was the only improvement at the installation.

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